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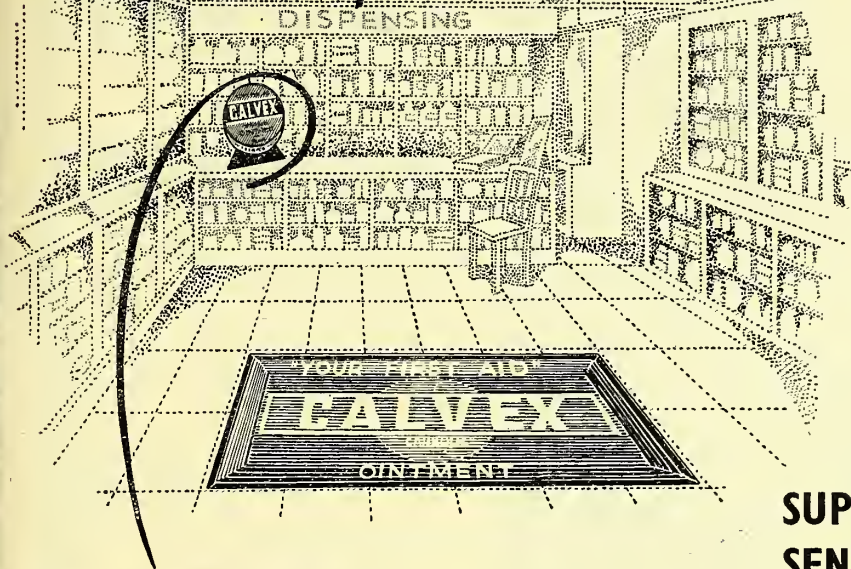
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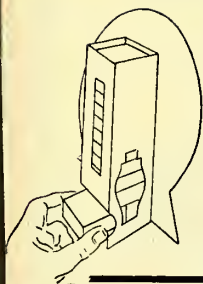
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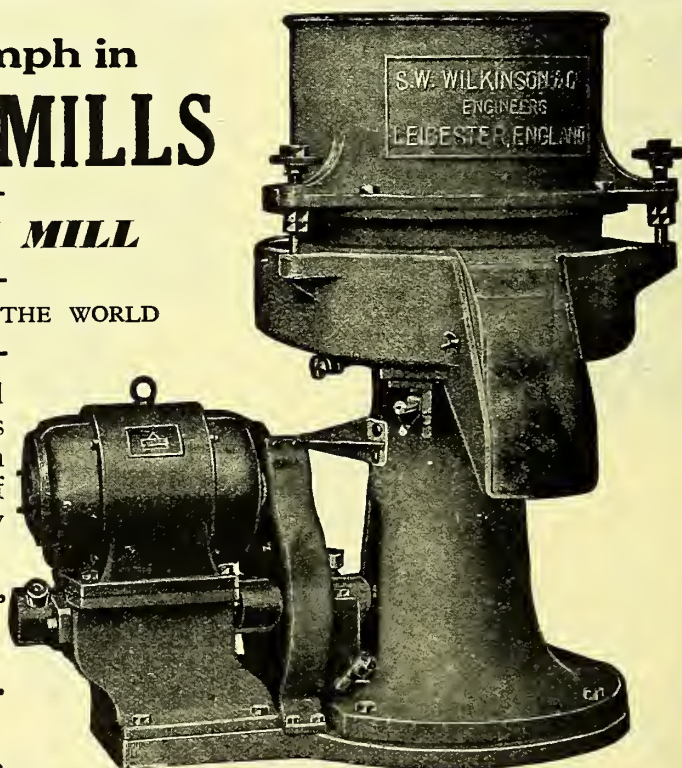
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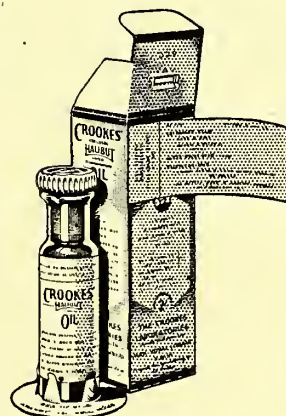
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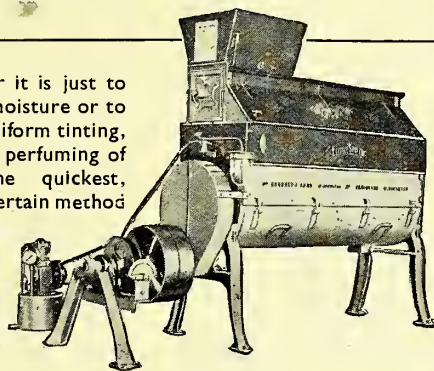
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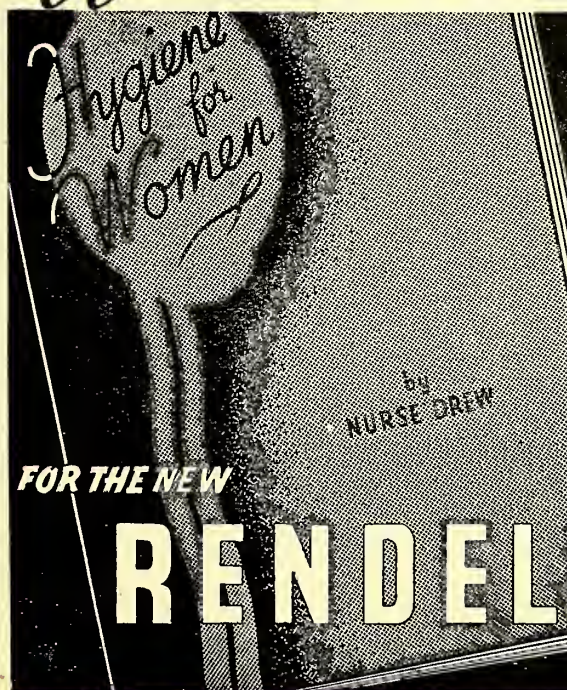
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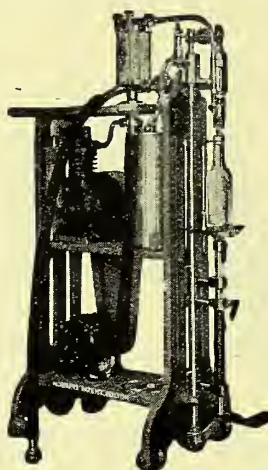
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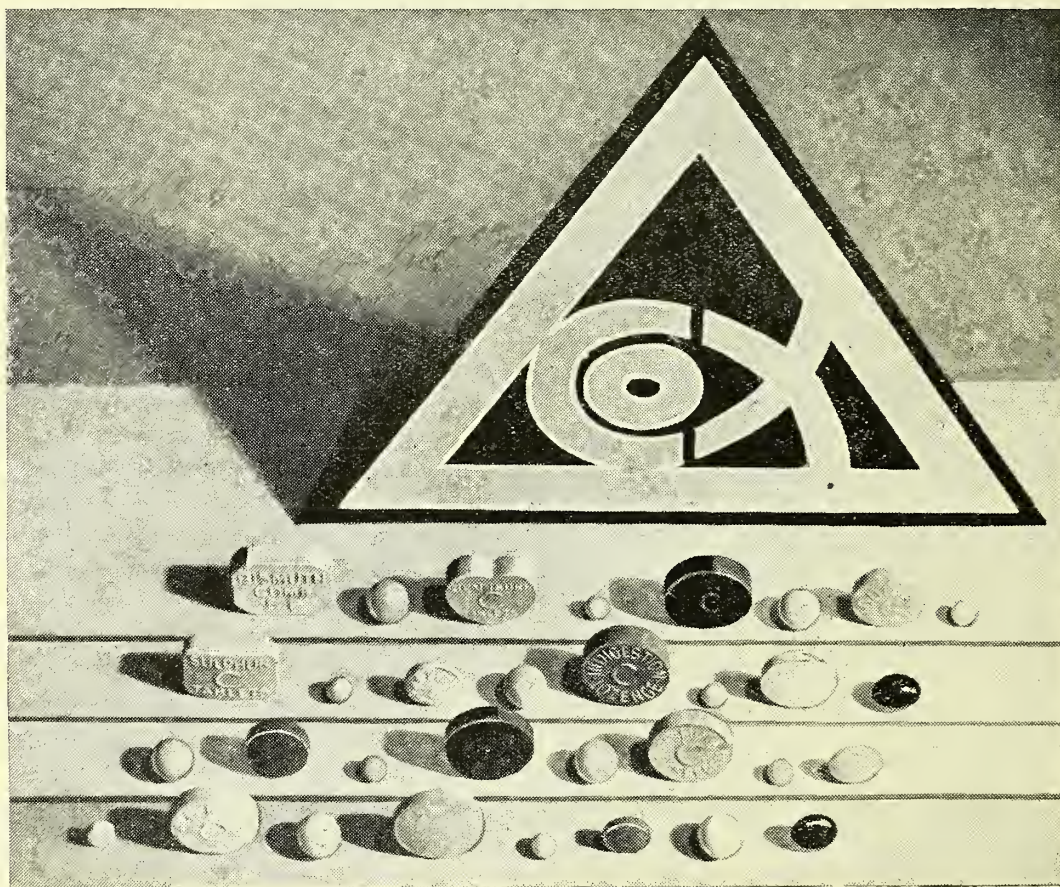
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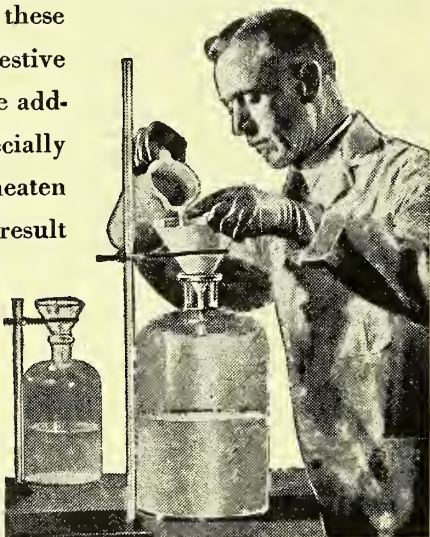
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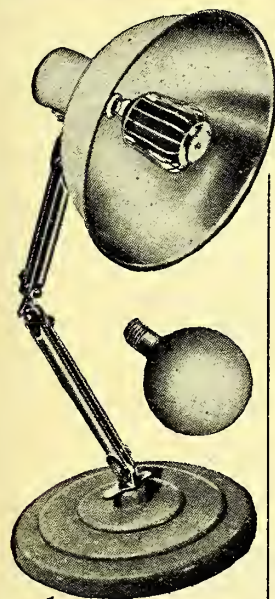
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Control of Chlorates.—Under the Control of Chlorates (No. 1) Order, purchases and sales (exceeding 1 cwt. in any six months) of chlorates and all substances containing not less than 10 per cent. by weight of free chlorate are prohibited except under licence. Inquiries should be addressed to The Chlorates Control, The Ministry of Supply, Raw Materials Department, Warwick.

Rubber Gloves, etc., Rationed.—The Board of Trade has given the following decisions in a communication, dated June 14, on the new rationing of clothing scheme: RUBBER GLOVES, for domestic use, are rationed and require coupons (the position of rubber gloves for surgical use is still under consideration); JACONET, or proofed cotton fabric is rationed as other piece goods; INDIARUBBER SHEETING, if made of pure rubber, is exempt from rationing; if containing any cotton fabric, even if proofed, coupons must be surrendered on its purchase.

Purchase Tax.—Notices Nos. 74 and 77, issued by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise last August and October, respectively, are being revised and reissued as Notice No. 77. Copies of the new edition will shortly be issued to registered persons.

LIABILITY DECISIONS.—The following decisions regarding the liability of certain articles to tax are published as supplementary to those already given in Notice No. 78. Class 19.—*Not chargeable:* the following should be added to the list of simple drugs, etc., not chargeable with tax unless put up for medicinal or veterinary use: benzyl cinnamate, chlorocresol (B.P. Third Addendum).

Manchester Golf.—The annual competition for the Woolley trophy and replica, open to members of the Manchester Pharmaceutical Golfing Society, was played at Davyhulme Golf Club on June 11. Members and their ladies were guests of J. Woolley, Sons & Co., Ltd., for the afternoon. The leading returns were: Professor D. Macdonald, 73 (trophy); Dr. Owen and Mr. T. Miller, 79 (tied for second prize). The leading visitors' returns were: B. Anderson, 73; A. E. Stubbs, 75. Mr. J. H. Franklin (president) who so represented Messrs. Woolley, extended a welcome, and Mrs. C. Stevens (wife of the captain) presented the trophy.

Secretary Speaks at Liverpool.—Members of Merseyside and South-West Lancashire pharmacists' associations attended a meeting of the Liverpool Chemists' Association and Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society on June 12, when Mr. H. N. Linstead (secretary of the Society) was the speaker. Mr. W. E. Humphreys presided. Mr. Linstead divided his address into three sections: (1) The Society's War-aid Service; (2) impending legislation; and (3) the call-up of pharmacists. The sum of £13,000 now in the War Aid Fund had been collected mainly in small amounts. Canada, America, Australia, and New Zealand had sent substantial amounts. A lot of prejudice against the amendment of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act came, he said, from people who did not quite understand all the considerations involved, and who appeared to have been chloroformed by the word "co-operative" into believing the movement was something different from it. It might be, he went on, that of the 8,000 pharmacists under thirty, probably 7,000 would be called up. An assurance had been obtained from the Minister of Labour that no women could be taken from chemists' shops. He had heard whisperings of dissatisfaction because some assistants were looking round for higher-paid posts. Mr. Linstead considered that higher wages would undoubtedly have to be paid, but matters of remuneration in such a personal business as pharmacy should be settled amicably between employer and employee. When peace came pharmacists must be prepared for extremely rapid action, political and economic, to secure the readjustments that would bring them nearer the ideals for which pharmacists had fought. The Council of the Pharmaceutical

Society had that week set up a planning committee to begin planning for this post-war period; he was hopeful that constructive suggestions would be forthcoming from the Society's branches. His address completed, Mr. Linstead answered many questions until, owing to the lateness of the hour, the president had to apply the "guillotine." The questioners included Messrs. H. Humphreys Jones, J. L. Hirst, L. Moreton-Parry, G. L. Clubb, G. Ray, J. Allen Jones, D. Riche and others. It was decided to send a message of congratulation to the president of the Society on his inclusion in the Birthday Honours list.

IRELAND

Pharmaceutical Requisites for Missions.—As a subsidiary to the Pharmacy branch of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society a Guild, to be known as the St. Albert Medical Guild, has been formed with the object of obtaining drugs, dressings, and other medicinal and pharmaceutical requisites for the use of Catholic Missions abroad. The officers of the new Guild are: *Chairman*, Mr. M. D. Walshe, M.P.S.I.; *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. P. G. Redmond, M.P.S.I.; *Secretary*, Miss Christine O'Reilly; and *Treasurer*, Mr. M. Rooney, M.P.S.I. Pharmacists who wish to send donations either in cash (or in kind) by way of surplus drugs, shop soiled lines, and so forth, can forward them addressed to the Guild, c/o Pharmacy Branch, St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society, 23 Merrion Square, Dublin.

Irish Drug Association.—Mr. P. F. McGrath (president) was in the chair at a meeting of the Committee of the Irish Drug Association held on June 3. On a proposal by Mr. McGrath, the secretary (Mr. R. J. Kidney) was instructed to write and condole with chemists who had had their property damaged in the recent bombing at the North Strand, Dublin. Messrs. McGrath and Brendan Smith submitted a report on the meeting between Limerick chemists and their employees, which they had attended on behalf of the I.D.A. The meeting was connected with a dispute between the local Chemists' Association and the Limerick chemists' branch of the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks on the question of opening and closing hours: settlement is still pending. Following further correspondence with the Cork Employers' Federation (chemists' branch) regarding the suggested marking of the price list to indicate the poison and D.D.A. schedules of all listed preparations, the committee decided not to pursue the matter. It is announced that chemists and their assistants who are holders of first-aid certificates from the Irish Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Brigade, or the Knights of Malta, are eligible to take an advanced first-aid lecture course which is now being given at the premises of the Pharmaceutical Society, 67 Lower Mount Street, Dublin; particulars can be obtained from Mr. John J. Smith, M.P.S.I. (secretary, Irish Pharmaceutical Red Cross Corps), 197 Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore, Dublin.

SCOTLAND

Representative Appointed.—Mr. Ian Howie has been appointed North of Scotland representative for Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd., Liverpool.

Edinburgh Chemists' Golf.—In a competition at Liberton Course, recently, the results were: 1, F. J. D. McDougall (16) 69; 2, W. E. Herd (4) 72; 3, J. Finlay (scratch), 75.

Lectures on Herb Collecting.—Members of the staff of Gordon's College of Pharmacy, Aberdeen, have undertaken to give free lectures for the guidance of volunteers who will supervise the collection and preparation of medicinal wild plants in North-east Scotland.

LEGAL REPORTS

Patents and Trade Marks Appeal.—The Court of Appeal has fixed June 30 for the hearing of an appeal from the dismissal, by a King's Bench Divisional Court, of the application of the Bayer Products, Ltd., for an order prohibiting the Comptroller of Patents from making certain orders under the Regulations framed in accordance with the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act. In the meantime the Comptroller will take no action under the Regulations in regard to any pending applications affecting the Bayer Co.

Injunction Granted.—In the Chancery Division, on June 10, before Mr. Justice Morton, Mr. D. Cohen, appearing for plaintiffs in an action by W. J. Rendell, Ltd., against A. B. Hirst, moved, in default of appearance, for a perpetual injunction to restrain defendant from infringing plaintiffs' registered trade mark, and from passing-off goods not of their manufacture as and for their goods.

Mr. Cohen said that W. J. Rendell, Ltd., recently discovered that defendant was selling articles not manufactured by them under labels bearing the name "J. W. Rendall." The goods were got up to resemble those of the plaintiffs and they were of inferior quality.

His Lordship made an order as asked.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

Export Trade Development.—Mr. Dodd asked the Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department on June 12 whether he would consider going abroad as the official representative of the Export Council to develop British exports with the dollar or hard-currency countries and other countries outside the sterling area. Mr. Johnstone's reply was that the suggestion was not practicable, but that there was in the Press that morning an announcement that the President of the Board of Trade had appointed Sir Kenneth Lee as Representative of the Council in the United States.

Staggered Pay-days.—Mr. Higgs asked the Minister of Labour on June 12 whether he was aware of the week-end rush to purchase food and other commodities, and whether he would investigate the advisability of encouraging the largest adjacent employers to stagger their pay-days, thereby reducing the necessity for queues. Mr. Bevin replied that the desirability of staggering pay-days with a view to reducing the concentration of shopping at week-ends had been brought by him to the notice of the British Employers' Confederation and the Trades Union Congress last December, and those two bodies had co-operated with him by communicating on the subject with organisations of employers and trade unions.

Shops Acts Information.—Mr. Rhys Davies asked the Home Secretary on June 12 whether he could consider, when conditions permitted, issuing, for the information of those engaged in the distributive trades, a leaflet stating, in simple language, the main provisions of all the Shops Acts?

Mr. H. Morrison: There are already on sale explanatory memoranda issued by the Home Office on the Shops Act, 1934 (as amended by Part II of the Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1938) and on Sunday closing.

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Pharmacy as We Know It.—The concluding sentence of your second editorial article on p. 351, containing the phrase "unless pharmacy is to cease to exist as we know it today," is disturbing. It brings vividly before us the danger, not merely of the overlapping of many trades that has existed for a long time past, but of the use of war conditions by interested parties to "steal a march on pharmacy," as one of your correspondents puts it (p. 356). Without going over any of the ground that you have effectively covered, I may remind your readers that the first official anti-gas ointment had as unsatisfactory a record as the second, now under discussion, seems likely to have. Your issue of March 9, 1940, included the news that the British Standards Institution was disposed to regard the first anti-gas ointment as a protective rather than a medicinal device, a definition that raised more than one question. If the official view of the second anti-gas ointment is similar, official refusal to limit its sale to registered pharmacists is understandable, though none the less retrograde. In cynical contrast, pails containing bleach cream are to be placed at pharmacy doors because the unfortunate owners of such businesses "possess the necessary technical skill for making the cream, and"—this addition probably an afterthought—"their pharmacies are well spread over all populous areas."

Keeping Accounts.—Accountants have been selected by the National Pharmaceutical Union "to produce reports from chemists' accounts that could be used to support the claim for increased remuneration for insurance dispensing" (p. 348). It is the task of a trained accountant to draw up financial statements in forms acceptable by both parties in negotiations between chemists' representatives and Government departments; otherwise time might be lost, and the success of the negotiations imperilled, in recasting the figures put forward on behalf of the chemists. The importance of keeping accounts in impeccable order is not always realised. One institution with which I am familiar, however, is in the fortunate position of having an accountant as its treasurer and another as its

COMPANY NEWS

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LANGLEY CHEMICAL Co., LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £1,000. Objects: To carry on business as manufacturers of and dealers in pharmaceutical products, chemists' sundries, etc. H. W. Braun, Whitestones, Hayes Lane, Beckenham, Kent, director.

H. SMITH & Co. (CHEMISTS), LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £1,100. Objects: To carry on business as general and manufacturing chemists, manufacturers of and dealers in toilet requisites, etc. Dudley W. Everitt, M.P.S., Hill Cottage, Littlewick Green, Maidenhead, Berks, director. Solicitors: R. C. Bartlett & Co., 27 John Street, Bedford Row, London, W.C.1.

URWIN & Co., LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £12,000. Objects: To acquire the business of a manufacturing chemist carried on by Alfred Urwin at the Manors, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Alfred Urwin, Warkworth; Arthur A. Kirsop, Monkseaton; Margaret M. Loughlin, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Ann Hedley, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and Lily M. Oliver, Newcastle-on-Tyne, directors. R.O.: The Manors, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORFOLK LAVENDER, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £1,600. Objects: To acquire the business carried on by Dustgate & Chilvers, at Heacham and Fring, and to carry on business as growers and collectors of lavender, manufacturers of and dealers in perfumes, etc. Francis Dustgate, Fring Hall, Docking, Norfolk, and Linnaeus Chilvers, Floreatum, Lynn Road, Hunstanton, directors. R.O.: Floreatum, Lynn Road, Hunstanton.

VIROL, LTD.—Directors recommend payment of an ordinary dividend of 10 per cent. (as last year).

BOOTS PURE DRUG Co., LTD.—Net profit for year ended March 31 amounted to £629,110 against £782,467 in the preceding year. Four interim ordinary dividends, amounting to 24 per cent., less tax, have already been paid, but the customary bonus, which last year amounted to 7 per cent., is not to be paid this year, owing to prevailing conditions.

ST. MARY'S PHARMACY, LTD.—Meetings of members and creditors are being held at Kimberley House, Holborn Viaduct, London, at 11.45 a.m. and 12 noon, on June 20, to hear reports on how the winding up of the company has been conducted.

Voluntary Liquidation.—**MARION PHARMACIES, LTD.**, 246 High Road, Balham, London, S.W. The statutory meeting of creditors was held recently, Mrs. M. Wallace (a director) in the chair. Statement of affairs showed liabilities of £919, made up as follows: Trade and sundry creditors, £416; cash claims, £254; and bank overdraft, £249. After allowing £63 for preferential claims, net assets were £267, or a deficiency, as regarded creditors, of £652. Assets included: Stock-in-trade, £250; fixtures and fittings, £75. Company was incorporated in August, 1935. Nominal capital was £1,500, of which £1,350 was subscribed for in cash, and an existing business was taken over. As a result of evacuations from the district, takings had declined from £40 to £16 weekly. It was unanimously decided that the voluntary liquidation of the company should be continued, with Messrs. Parkin S. Booth and H. L. Ratcliffe as joint liquidators. Steps would be immediately taken to realise the assets.

auditor. Though professional help is to be used in the final shaping of accounts when presented to the Ministry of Health by the National Pharmaceutical Union, this fact does not relieve chemists who dispense dispensing from the obligation to keep their accounts in the best possible order according to their knowledge of book-keeping. From time to time THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST has published articles on book-keeping for businesses of various sizes, and I trust that this important factor of shop routine is better understood by the average proprietor than it was a generation or more ago.

Burn and Sunburn.—By a coincidence your last week's issue included helpful articles (pp. 347, 353) on the treatment of burns (the plural form of the word is usual) and of sunburn. These troubles have something in common, as anyone who has carried a sunburnt arm in a sling will agree. The pages indicated should be read—not merely glanced at—by pharmacists, for they give up-to-date information and point the way to further research. "Almost complete protection from the sun's rays, you state, "can be secured by applying pigments such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide to the skin." More than fifty years ago a chemist of my acquaintance used to include in his fishing equipment a lump of prepared chalk with which to adorn his face and in particular his nose before settling down by the side of a river or lake: the salts you mention are no doubt preferable from a scientific as well as from a business standpoint. The use of cod liver oil for burns, also referred to, is not new, but it has been carried somewhat further in the second contribution to the subject mentioned in your article. It will be remembered that the gentian violet-silver nitrate-tannic acid technique, not specifically referred to in your excerpts, has yielded promising results. The rehabilitation of carron oil, with its possible or probable "diffusion of calcium ions," is not without its humorous aspect, for my interleaved copy of the C. & D. "Diseases and Remedies" contains a note to the effect that oils and fats should not be employed in cases of burning or scalding.

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PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland was held on June 10, the president (Mr. P. C. Cahill) in the chair. Other members present were Sir T. Robinson, Messrs. J. Gleeson, P. A. Brady, H. P. Corrigan, P. Brooke-Kelly, J. Duggan, J. A. Mitchell, B. P. Hickey, M. J. Kieran, J. V. McKeever, J. A. O'Rourke, J. K. Whelehan, R. C. Scott, and M. J. Parkes.

A letter was read from the Registrar of the Medical Registration Council, intimating that at a meeting on May 6 the Council had unanimously adopted the Third Addendum to the British Pharmacopœia, 1932. It was further intimated that the resolution would receive publication in "Iris Diguil" (Official Gazette).

The following changes of address were notified: Miss A. Sweeney, M.P.S.I., to The Pharmacy, High Road, Letterkenny; Mr. A. J. Boyle, M.P.S.I., to O'Neill's Medical Hall, Athenry, co. Galway; Mr. E. V. Gill, Assistant, to 22 Main Street, Blackrock, co. Dublin.

The following who submitted matriculation certificates were granted preliminary registration: Miss E. M. McCabe, Messrs. D. Boylan, J. O. Callan, M. C. Flynn, and E. J. Walshe.

The Reports of the House, Law, and Schools Committees were submitted and approved.

The following were elected members of the Society: Mr. J. A. Burke, Miss M. M. Hunter, Mr. P. Kelly, Miss M. Lenihan, Mrs. J. Meehan, Dr. J. O'Donnell, and Mr. P. G. Redmond. The following were nominated for membership: Mr. E. L. Grubb, 1 and 2 O'Connell Street, Waterford; Mr. P. J. Dalton, Duane's Pharmacy, Ballinasloe; and Mr. P. B. Joy, Byrne's Medical Hall, Arklow.

The President raised the question of substitutes for materials which could not now be obtained in Ireland for the manufacture of ointments and other preparations. The alterations made in the B.P. to meet the situation in Britain were not, he thought, sufficient to meet the position here. The matter was one which would need to be taken up with the Medical Registration Council. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the president and Mr. D. W. P. Boyd.

At a meeting of the Benevolent Fund Committee following the Council meeting three grants were passed for payment.

BIRTHS

RATTRAY.—At Winchester House Nursing Home, Elgin, May 27, the wife of John B. Rattray, M.P.S., 55 Main Street, Aberchirder, of a daughter.

REID.—At Maitland Nursing Home, Pinner, Middlesex, on May 25, Edna May, the wife of James Reid, M.P.S., Pinner, of a son.

THOMSON.—At Forresterhill, on May 28, the wife of A. D. Thomson, M.P.S., Gawsworth, Cheshire, of a son.

DEATHS

CROWTHER.—Recently, Mr. William Fearné Crowther, chemist and druggist, 71 Thurlow Road, London, S.E. 21, aged eighty-three.

HANHAM.—Recently, Mr. Arthur Sidney Hanham, M.P.S., 29 Grove Vale, East Dulwich, London, S.E.22, aged seventy-three.

THOMAS.—Recently, Mr. John Bernard Thomas, M.P.S., Brecknock Road, Tufnell Park, London, N. 19. Mr. Thomas qualified in 1939.

WALTON.—Recently, Mr. Harold Conrad Walton, M.P.S., Bushey Wood Road, Totley Rise, Sheffield. Mr. Walton, who passed the Minor examination in 1911, was works chemists for Carter & Sons (Sheffield), Ltd.

PERSONALITIES

Miss E. HODGKINSON, who was recently elected president of the National Association of Women Pharmacists (*C. & D.*, May 24, Coloured Supplement), is chief pharmacist at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, London, N.15. She was formerly secretary of the Association for five years, and has previously been its president. For two years (1933, 1934) Miss Hodgkinson served her apprenticeship at the Prince of Wales's Hospital and is a member of the council of the Guild of Public Pharmacists. She is a direct descendant of John Hodgkinson, drug merchant, 90 Fleet Street, London (afterwards of Lambeth Hill, Upper Thames Street, and Stamford Street, Blackfriars), who died in 1834.

At the annual meeting of the Buyers' Association of Great Britain, held on June 11, Mr. G. E. Scott was elected president and the following were added to the board of management: The Misses C. P. Barnes, M. Hollowell and F. Temple; Messrs. J. M. Evans, W. G. Venus, and C. F. Hudson. Mr. W. C. Dix was elected chairman of the board.

At a meeting of the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce on June 10, Lieutenant-Colonel G. R. Harding, D.S.O., was elected *Chairman*; Mr. J. McLean *Deputy-Chairman*; and Mr. C. Douglas Scriven, *Treasurer*.

TRADE NOTES

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VIRONITA.—M. Calthorpe & Co., North British Buildings, East Parade, Leeds, are the suppliers of an iron tonic wine marketed under the name of Vironita. It is stated to be non-alcoholic and that no licence is required. Display material is available on request.

EVANS SONS LESCHER & WEBB, LTD., inform us that their London house at 50 Bartholomew Close, E.C.1, is in full working order, and customers who usually obtain their requirements from that address should continue to send communications and orders there.

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SCHERING, LTD., 185-192 High Holborn, London, W.C.1.—The formal meeting of creditors for the purpose of liquidation under Section 238 of the Companies Act, 1929, held in London on Monday last was, for internal reasons, adjourned till Monday, June 23. Messrs. Schering wish to make it clear that their business is continuing without interruption, and that with but a few unimportant exceptions their products, now chiefly of British make and others temporarily of American origin, are freely available to the trade.

Business Changes

MR. C. B. HOLLIDAY, M.P.S., has transferred his business to 306a North Road, Hull.

B. A. TUSCHER, drug importer, has removed to 66 Mark Lane, London, E.C.3. Telephone: Royal 3120.

A. F. SUTER & CO., LTD., shellac and varnish gum merchants, have transferred their offices to Victory Works, 83 Eastway, Hackney Wick, London, E.9.

LANGLEY-SMITH & CO., LTD., merchants and importers, have removed to 4 Fenchurch Avenue, London, E.C.3. Telephone: Mansion House 9474.

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Proprietary Articles Trade Association

Additions and Alterations to Protected List.—*Pharmaceutical Specialties (May & Baker), Ltd.*, Dagenan (M & B 693): 25 tablets, 0.50 gram, 4s., 32s. dozen; 100 tablets, 15s. 6d., 10s. 4d. each; 500 tablets, 75s., 50s. each; 25 tablets 0.125 gram, 2s. 3d., 18s. dozen; 500 tablets, 37s. 6d., 25s. each; Dagenan (M & B 693) powder (for wound dressing): Containers of 15 gm., 4s., 32s., doz. Dagenan-sodium (M & B 693 Soluble); Boxes of six 3-c.c. ampoules, 6s. 6d. box, 52s. dozen; boxes of twenty-five 3-c.c. ampoules, 25s. 6d. box, 17s. each.—*Thomas Reid & Sons, Ltd.*, Baryl pine-tar liquid shampoo, 1s. 3d., 10s. doz. (tax, 3s. 4d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 1s. 6d.—*Bourjois, Ltd.*, Manufacturers have recently issued an abridged list of articles that became available from June 1. Full particulars may be obtained on application. New list cancels details given on p. 75, P.A.T.A. Year Book, 1941.—*Sparklets, Ltd.*, Sparklet "C" bulbs in packs containing three, 1s., 9s. 4½d. doz., less 2½ per cent. for monthly settlement. 2½ per cent. discount on 12-doz. boxes of Sparklet bulbs withdrawn.—*Grout & Co., Ltd.*, Manufacturers, state that Vic wrist supports are now exempt from purchase tax.—*Bengers Food, Ltd.*, Liquor Pancreaticus (Benger), Liquor Pepticus (Benger), Benger's peptonising powders are subject to purchase tax at the rate of one-sixth. (Corrected entry.)

Deletion.—Vinolia tooth-paste.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 25

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, NORTH BRITISH BRANCH, 36 York Place, Edinburgh, at 11.30 a.m. Annual meeting.

BIRKENHEAD AND WIRRAL PHARMACISTS' ASSOCIATION, Central Hotel, Birkenhead, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. H. N. Instead (secretary, Pharmaceutical Society) on "The Pharmacist and Call-up, and Other Vital Pharmaceutical Problems."



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Congratulations

ON behalf of all branches of the pharmaceutical chemical trade and industry, we tender to ALDERMAN WALTER DEACON, C.B.E., our sincere and hearty congratulations on the honour conferred on him, and through him as its president, on the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, on being made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Extension of Price Control

PARTLY, apparently, because the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, has been found lacking in certain essentials as an instrument of control of commodity sales prices, and also on account of the great changes in the economic position that have taken place during the past two years, the Government, in the national interest, and in pursuance of its policy of resisting undue inflation of commodity values, has considered it necessary to bring forward the Goods and Services Price Control Bill (see p. 363).

Being in the nature of an enabling Bill, this new legislation will provide the Board of Trade, in conjunction with the Central Price Regulation Committee, with much wider powers of action and control than did the original 1939 Act. Thus the authorities can fix by Order maximum prices of goods at any stage—manufacturing, wholesale and/or retail, or alternatively may specify the percentage margin of gross profit or the amount of net profit in relation to costs. In connexion with this basic part of the Bill, the department is given power to amend by Order the First Schedule of the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, which specifies the items of cost allowed to be taken into account in determining the "permitted increase" under that Act. The Department may alter or omit items which are detailed in the schedule referred to. Particulars of the method of calculating outgoings and expenses were drawn up by a combination of trade organisations and this formula for pricing goods under the 1939 Act was approved by the Central Price Regulation Committee (*C. & D. Coloured Supplement*, March 23, 1940, pp. ix and x).

The costs of manufacturing, wholesale distributing and retailing have increased substantially since the passing of the 1939 Act, and the department and its committee will have to recognise this fact when considering the subject of amending the original schedule. For instance, the replies we received to a questionnaire addressed to retail pharmacists on this subject (*C. & D.*, November 30, 1940, p. 293) indicated that their overhead expenses had, in the period September 1939 to November 1940, increased from 17 to 24 per cent. During the past seven months costs have again increased in marked degree. The drastic reductions in outputs of many manufacturers (under the Limitation of Supplies) and, in consequence, the much smaller turnovers of affected wholesalers and retailers has,

of course, aggravated the position. If the retailer's turnover is thus compulsorily reduced from £100 to £75 per week, he must be allowed a higher percentage of gross profit, irrespective of other considerations, if his business is to continue on a sound financial basis.

Clause 4 of the Bill will be welcomed and it should prove adequate as a deterrent to a disreputable form of profiteering and avoiding the penalties of the 1939 Act. There is nothing to justify in normal times goods being passed through half-a-dozen hands, the price being stepped-up at each re-sale; in times of stress, such trading methods call for rough justice speedily applied. For many years the legitimate trader has in some uninformed quarters been lightly stigmatised as a middleman serving no useful purpose. The grounds for this misstatement was usually an isolated instance of a "chain" contract.

It has been found in many instances impracticable under the 1939 Act to fix basic prices of goods as at August 21, 1939. The Board of Trade is now given power under the new Bill to fix these pre-war values in respect of any price-regulated goods. Other clauses provide protection under certain circumstances for the holder of price-controlled goods who refuses to sell them to casual customers, powers of investigation by inspectors, and buyer's right to require a separate statement for each purchase. The latter regulation will not be applied to ordinary retail sales to members of the public.

The drastic powers which are to be given to the Board of Trade and to the Central Price Regulation Committee under this new anti-profiteering legislation may be necessary to deal with a comparatively few black spots in some trades. So far as the pharmaceutical chemical and allied trades and industries are concerned, we believe the authorities are well satisfied with the helpful attitude and co-operation they have met with. Except that some Orders may be made regulating prices of a limited number of articles, the trade is not likely to be much affected by the new measure, but any proposal by the department to amend Clause 6—the costing clause determining the permitted increase—will call for careful consideration, and probably strong representations on the subject of substantially increased general trading expenses in manufacturing, wholesale distributing and in retailing.

War Damage to Land and Buildings

IN accordance with the provisions of the War Damage Act the Treasury has issued two sets of regulations for the direction of the War Damage Commission and the guidance of the public in connexion with claims for payments in respect of war damage to land and buildings. The first (Statutory Rules and Orders, No. 569), dealing with notification and claims, consists of a series of detailed directions as to the procedure to be followed. The regulations which are the legal basis for the Commission's forms and general procedure in handling claims set out the classes of persons upon whom lies the responsibility of notifying, within thirty days, the occurrence of the event upon which a claim is to be based, and details of the particulars which the Commission is entitled to require; prescribe the steps to be taken in relation to notifications of damage received by District Valuers or any other Government department before the Act was passed; require that a claim for payment of cost of works, or for a temporary works payment, shall be made within thirty days after the receipt by the claimant of the claim form, or within thirty days after the completion of the work, whichever is the later. Particulars of work done, or remaining to be done, of alterations or additions made to a property, and other matters are to be supplied within thirty days after a request from the Commission, which is also empowered to call for a detailed account of the works executed and a certificate as to their cost; place upon the claimant for a value payment, or a part thereof, the duty of making a claim within six months after the receipt of the claim form. Power is given the Commission to require within thirty days particulars, among other things, as to the disposal and value of any articles which formed part of the hereditament and became available as materials in consequence, either directly or indirectly, of the war damage; give details of certain specific information which the Commission is entitled to seek from the claimant who desires to receive an advance payment under what has become known as the "Hardship" section (Section 8).

It is laid down as the condition of a right to receive any payment that due notification of the war damage has been given; the Commission is given discretion to extend the time limit in particular cases; and it has authority to require any information given to it under the regulations to be verified by a statutory declaration. Notification of damage may be made by a person with a proprietary interest (generally speaking freeholder, leaseholder for more than seven years, ground landlord or mortgagee), personally or by his

authorised agent, and the Commission may accept a notification given on his behalf by any member of his family or other person accustomed to act in relation to his affairs. Similar Notification and Claims Regulations adapted to Scottish real property law have been issued (S.R. & O., No. 660/S21).

The second set of regulations (No. 588) are general in character. The Commission is empowered to make immediate value payments (instead of waiting until the end of the war) in cases where they are satisfied that it is necessary to meet the building requirements of persons engaged in work of public importance, particularly in securing the public safety, the defence of the realm, the maintenance of public order and "the efficient prosecution of any war in which His Majesty may be engaged." Rules are laid down as to the valuation of articles from a damaged building becoming available as materials, and as to the restrictions and conditions on payments for the benefit of persons not resident in the United Kingdom.

The Pharmaceutical Registers

AN erroneous statement appears in a recent issue of one of our contemporaries, pointing out that "the profession of chemistry has nothing comparable with the Pharmaceutical Register, but, on the other hand, it must not be forgotten that that Register was only instituted in 1933, after a period of growth of the Pharmaceutical

Society of nearly one hundred years, and, furthermore, that Register was partially imposed by Government desire. . . ." The writer appears to have overlooked that under the Pharmacy Act of 1852 a registrar was appointed whose duties were to "make out and maintain a complete register of all persons being members of the said [pharmaceutical] society, and also of all persons being associates and apprentices or students respectively." Registration by the Pharmaceutical Society was carried a stage further by the Pharmacy Act of 1856, which made it unlawful for any person to sell or keep open shop for retailing, or to assume or use the title "chemist and druggist" or "chemist" or "druggist" unless such person was registered under the Act. Prior to the coming into force of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, under the Society's constitution members were elected from among those registered as pharmaceutical chemists and chemists and druggists. Since the passing of the last-mentioned Act it is membership of the Society that has been compulsory. It would appear, therefore, that our contemporary is confusing registration by the Pharmaceutical Society and membership of that body. A further point is that compulsory membership of the Pharmaceutical Society had been advocated by the majority of chemists on the Pharmaceutical Society's register many years before the 1933 Act or the Departmental Committee of 1926 was thought of.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

A MEETING of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society was held at Derby on June 11. Members present included the president (Mr. W. Deacon), vice-president (Mr. F. G. Wells), Mrs. J. K. Irvine, Sir Malcolm Delevingne and Messrs. J. T. Appleton, C. Davis, J. H. Franklin, H. M. Hirst, W. S. Howells, J. Jack, G. R. Knox Mawer, J. F. McNeal, A. R. Melhuish, L. M. Parry, E. S. Peck, P. F. Rowsell, H. C. Shaw, H. Skinner, F. C. Wilson and J. C. Young, with the secretary (Mr. H. N. Linstead).

Tuesday's Proceedings.—Among the business transacted on Tuesday evening were the following items:—

The SECRETARY reported upon the stage reached in the drafting of the Bill to repeal the Medicine Stamp Duty and to amend the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, and it was agreed to call a special meeting of Council if necessary when the Bill was available.

Letters were received from the Leeds and Oldham Branches on the postponement of the Council Election.

The SECRETARY reported that following the special meeting of Council he had written to the Retail Trade Committee drawing attention to the assistance which the Society could render to the Committee in connexion with problems of the retail drug trade and sending copies of the Committee of Inquiry's Report (Part I) and that an appreciative reply had been received.

A letter from the South-Eastern Associations was received conveying a resolution recommending that the retention fees of any pharmacists serving in the armed forces should be waived. The Council instructed that a reply be sent explaining their policy on this matter.

A letter was received from the Association of Pharmaceutical Employees, suggesting the establishment of a joint Liaison Committee between the Association and the Society to consider problems common to the two bodies. The Council decided to send a reply in the following terms:—

The Council have considered sympathetically the proposal for a liaison committee contained in your letter of May 16. They ask me to say that they will always be happy to receive the views of the Association of Pharmaceutical Employees upon matters within the scope of the Society's functions and if necessary to discuss them with representatives of the Association. It seems to the Council, however, that the time has not yet arrived when the need for a permanent consultative body of the type you suggest has been established. It may well be that experience of consultation on specific points will disclose that closer liaison between the Council and one or more bodies representative of members of the Society who are employees will be advantageous and the Council would be glad to consider the proposal again when more experience has been obtained of the extent to which the discussion of subjects of joint interest has proved fruitful."

Election of Officers.—Proposing the re-election of Mr. Deacon as President, MR. ROWSELL remarked that it was not usual for a member to occupy that position for more than two years, but fortunately Mr. Deacon had the ability and leisure to devote to the work. He had been president during two difficult years, and had risen to all occasions. MR. DAVIS, who seconded, spoke of the enthusiasm shown by Mr. Deacon, and assured him of the loyalty and co-operation of the Council. The motion having been carried with acclamation, MR. PECK invested Mr. Deacon with the chain of office. In acknowledgment, MR. DEACON commented that the three previous speakers and himself were ex-mayors and provincial men. Members of the Council had learned to admire Londoners, but there were still men in the provinces ready to play their part. The times were solemn from a national point of view and important from a pharmaceutical standpoint, and he was anxious to do all he could for the nation and for pharmacy. In war-time it was inevitable that they should be largely concerned with day-to-day problems, but the day would come when fighting would stop and they would have to readapt themselves to peace-time conditions. Many new problems, the solution of which it would be prudent to begin to consider now, would present themselves. He advocated the appointment of a committee to deal with post-war planning, reinstatement of men in

civil life, pharmaceutical aspects of the public medical service, and re-establishment of pharmacists and pharmacies affected tragically by the war. The election of Mr. Howells as Vice-president was proposed by MR. HIRST, who said it was not a case of dropping the "junior pilot." No man could have given better service than that rendered during the past two years by Mr. Wells, but he had had an anxious time, and it was only fair that he should have a little rest before coming back into office. MR. IRVINE, seconding, said Mr. Howells would bring to the post all the steadfastness of purpose and forthrightness of action that had characterised him as a member of the Council. MR. MAWER and MR. WELLS supported the motion, which was carried. Returning thanks, MR. HOWELLS said it would be his endeavour to serve the Council and pharmacy to the utmost of his ability. On the proposition of THE PRESIDENT, the Council placed on record its thanks to Mr. Wells for his services in the past two years. MR. WELLS replied that circumstances outside his control made it increasingly difficult for him to attend Council meetings and give the president the assistance to which he was entitled. It had been suggested that he might be offered the higher position at some future date, and he hoped then to be able to accept it. On the motion of THE PRESIDENT, seconded by MR. A. R. MELHUSH, MR. H. W. Wallis was reappointed Treasurer.

Registration.—The names of 771 persons who had not paid their retention fees for the current year were removed from the Registers, and it was reported that 125 others had notified their intention to retire. THE REGISTRAR informed a questioner that although the list was long it fell short of the record total—1,000. The names of 482 sets of premises were erased from the Registers for the same reason. Of these, sixty-seven had been bombed, twenty-four closed for the duration of the war, and 104 closed for reasons not stated. Since the last meeting thirty-five persons had registered as apprentices or students, and the names of thirteen pharmacists had been restored to the Registers.

Poison Antidotes.—A resolution from the Newcastle Branch urged that many attempted suicides might be saved if the antidote to the poison used were clearly printed on the label. The Branch hoped that at a convenient opportunity the Society would make the necessary regulation. The matter was referred to the Law Committee.

Prisoners of War.—On the recommendation of the Education Committee, it was agreed that copies of the British Pharmacopoeia and Volumes I and II of the Extra Pharmacopoeia be sent to any prisoners-of-war camp at which pharmacists were detained, and to accept an offer by the Dean of the Society's College and his staff to provide study notes based thereon. The committee had considered a resolution passed by the Leeds Branch that it would be a retrograde step to make the passing of the preliminary scientific examination prior to their entry upon the practical hours of pupillage compulsory for apprentices, and had replied that it was not proposed at the present time to require the Intermediate examination to be passed before commencing articles of pupillage.

War Aid.—The War Aid Committee reported that, in response to the president's appeal, £13,641 had been received up to June 7. Latest donations included £129 from the Pretoria Pharmaceutical Society and a second sum of £400 from the Victoria Pharmaceutical Society. Grants totalling £190 had been made during the month.

Recruitment of Pharmacists.—From the minutes of the Central Pharmaceutical War Committee it appeared that a scheme had been prepared for deferment of call-up for pharmacists and dispensers, that subcommittees had been appointed to consider applications and make all necessary recommendations to the Ministry, and that Pharmaceutical Committees were to be requested to constitute themselves or to appoint one or more subcommittees as, District Pharmaceutical War Committees, including as members one or two representatives of their Insurance Committees. It had also been decided that, where employees were not represented on a District Committee, consideration should be given by the latter to appointing one.

GOODS AND SERVICES (PRICE CONTROL) BILL

THE GOODS AND SERVICES (PRICE CONTROL) BILL is designed to give the Board of Trade greater powers of control over prices (other than food prices) than are provided in the Prices of Goods Act and to effect a number of improvements in the system of price-regulation set up by that Act. The Bill in the main is an enabling Bill, intended to give to the Board of Trade, in consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee, general powers which they can apply to particular goods by Order.

The most important provision of the Bill will give the Board of Trade the power, which they do not possess under the Prices of Goods Act, to fix for any kind of goods maximum prices or maximum percentage margins of profit for manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. These powers, and in particular the power to fix maximum prices, will be used, to begin with at any rate, mainly for dealing with a comparatively restricted range of more essential goods such as certain articles of clothing and boots and shoes for which maximum prices can readily be fixed, though their use will not necessarily be confined to articles of this kind. For other goods the Prices of Goods Act will continue to apply, subject to certain relatively unimportant amendments, and the Central and Local Price Regulation Committees set up under that Act will continue to enforce the provisions both of that Act and of the new legislation. The following paragraphs summarise the main provisions of the Bill:—

Orders Fixing Maximum Prices.—Clause 1. Subsections (1), (2) and (4) enable the Board of Trade to fix by Order the maximum prices to be charged in the course of any business for goods of any description. Orders may either specify the maximum price to be charged for particular articles by the manufacturer, the wholesaler and the retailer respectively; or alternatively they may limit the percentage margin of gross profit which a trader may add to the cost price of his goods, or, as will probably be more convenient in the case of manufacturers, the margin of net profit in relation to costs, and in such cases the Order may specify how costs for the purpose of the calculation are to be arrived at. Before making an Order under this clause the Board of Trade must consult the Central Price Regulation Committee, and all Orders when made must be submitted to Parliament and may be annulled by resolution within forty days. Permitted prices which have been specified for goods by Order under Section 5 of the Prices of Goods Act shall automatically become maximum prices under the Bill. (Subsection 9).

Retailers' Fixed Prices Notices.—Subsection (3). In order to ensure that the public know their rights a retailer may be compelled (as he is in the case of many foodstuffs) to exhibit a notice in his shop showing the maximum prices which have been fixed for articles sold by him, or to bring them to the notice of his customers in some other manner.

Recovery of Overcharge.—Subsection (5) gives a person who has been overcharged a civil right to recover the amount of the overcharge if (a) there has been a successful prosecution of the seller in respect of a sale of similar goods and (b) the Order fixing the price does not state a maximum price (in which case the buyer ought to have known that he was being overcharged and should have no right to recover) but by reference to a percentage margin or in some other way.

Offences and Relief for Employees.—Subsection (6) makes it an offence to sell, offer to sell or agree to sell goods in contravention of Orders made under the clause, but provides that an offer or agreement to sell followed by a sale constitute a single offence, and that it shall be a defence for a person charged to prove that he acted on instructions in the course of his employment as a servant or agent of another person.

Maximum Charges for Services.—Clause 2. This clause gives the Board of Trade powers similar to those in Clause 1 to fix maximum charges for service of any kind performed in relation to goods. Services are defined in Clause 19 (2) as including the hire of goods and the subjecting of goods to any process.

"Chain" Contracts.—Clause 4. Subsection (1) enables the Board of Trade to stop the repeated re-sale at the wholesale stage of goods in short supply with resulting inflation of prices. The Board may make Orders prohibiting sales from one wholesaler to another or from one retailer to another or from a retailer back to a wholesaler, but the clause is designed to ensure that the normal course of trade from the manufacturer direct to the retailer or through a wholesaler to the retailer is preserved unhindered.

L. of S. Quota Commissions.—Subsection (2) enables the Board of Trade to deal with commissions paid to intermediaries in connexion with the Limitation of Supplies Orders. These people bring together wholesalers who have unused quotas and manufacturers or other wholesalers whose quotas are exhausted but who wish to dispose of further goods. The position of genuine agents and commercial travellers will not be affected.

Basic Prices of Price-Regulated Goods.—Clause 5. Subsection (1) enables the Board of Trade to fix basic prices for any description of goods which are price-regulated under the Prices of Goods Act. It is necessary to take this power because a large number of goods will continue to be dealt with under the Prices of Goods Act, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to establish the basic price of goods sold on August 21, 1939, as required by that Act. In many cases the quality or style of goods has changed; in others it is uncertain whether similar goods were or were not being sold at that date.

Amending Items of Cost.—Clause 6. This clause enables the Board of Trade to amend by Order the First Schedule of the Prices of Goods Act which specifies the items of cost that can be taken into account in determining the permitted increase under that Act. At present the Board have power only to add to the Schedule; under this clause they will have power to

make Orders altering or omitting items which are already included in it. The clause provides that any such Orders must be laid before Parliament in draft and require a resolution of both Houses before they can take effect.

Export Packing Materials.—Clause 7. This clause makes an exception to the general rule that neither the Prices of Goods Act nor the present Bill apply to goods intended for export by providing that packing materials and containers for goods intended for export shall be subject to both the Act and the Bill, notwithstanding that they are ultimately exported.

Prices to be Itemised.—Clause 8. This clause replaces Section 11 of the Prices of Goods Act. It places on a seller of price-controlled goods an obligation in the case of a transaction relating to several goods or services for which an inclusive price is quoted to state separately the amount which he assigns to each. The clause applies to offers to perform services as well as to offers to sell goods; it differs from Section 11 of the Prices of Goods Act mainly in giving the Board of Trade or a Price Regulation Committee as well as the person to whom the offer is made the right to require a separate statement of prices.

Refusal to Sell Price-Regulated Goods.—Clause 9. This clause replaces Section 12 of the Prices of Goods Act which has proved in practice unsatisfactory in certain respects. The clause makes it an offence for any person who has a stock of price-controlled goods to refuse to sell them or, if asked whether he has such goods, to deny that he has them. It is also made an offence to offer to sell such goods subject to a condition requiring the purchase of other goods, or to any other condition except a condition that the buyer shall pay for them at once and take delivery within a reasonable time. It is provided that a seller may refuse to sell or sell conditionally if to do otherwise would be contrary to the normal practice of his business or would involve a breach of some lawful obligation or would interfere with arrangements made by him for the orderly disposal of his stocks among his regular customers.

Barter Transactions.—Clause 10. This clause is designed to prevent evasion of the Act by means of barter transactions or the transfer of goods by mortgages and pledges. The transfer of price-controlled goods, if effected by barter or part exchange, is prohibited, but it will not interfere with legitimate part exchange if effected by cross sales. These cross sales will of course be subject to the provisions of the Acts.

Investigations of Local Committees.—Clause 11. Contraventions of the principal provisions of the Bill and any Orders made under them will have to be investigated in the first instance by the Local Price Regulation Committees and referred through the Central Committee to the Board of Trade who alone can take proceedings and only if recommended to do so by the Local and Central Price Regulation Committees. The duty is placed on Local Committees to keep under review the prices of goods and the charges for services in their areas with a view to recommending the Board of Trade where necessary to make Orders controlling them either under the Bill or under the Prices of Goods Act.

Powers of Inspectors.—Clause 12. This clause authorises the Board of Trade to appoint inspectors for the purpose of enforcing the Prices of Goods Act and the new legislation. The inspectors are given the usual powers to enter business premises, inspect goods, and to require the production of books and documents and the furnishing of information.

Detailed Invoices.—Clause 13. This clause enables the Board of Trade to make Orders requiring traders to furnish invoices for any price-controlled goods which they sell and to prescribe what particulars material for the enforcement of the Act the invoices must contain. An Order may lay an obligation on the buyer, if he does not receive an invoice, to ask his supplier for one, and if he fails to obtain it to inform the appropriate authority of the fact. The clause applies only to transactions in the course of a business on both sides and there will be no power to compel retailers to give invoices for ordinary retail sales to members of the public.

Special Accounts and Inspection.—Clause 14. Subsection (1) gives the Board of Trade power to require any person or class of persons carrying on business in price-controlled goods or performing price-controlled services to keep such books and accounts as may be specified. It is not intended to require traders generally to keep any special records for the purpose of price-regulation, but the power is necessary to prevent attempts to evade the Act by persons who deliberately keep no books. Any person carrying on a business which includes the selling of goods, whether price-controlled or not, must produce to a properly authorised person such books and accounts and to furnish such information as may be reasonably required for the purposes of the Act.

Penalties.—Clause 16 provides penalties for offences under the Bill for which no other penalties are expressly provided. It follows closely the provisions of Section 7 of the Prices of Goods Act; the penalty for an offence is, on summary conviction, imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding £100 or both, or on indictment imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine not exceeding £500 or both. As in the Prices of Goods Act on a third or subsequent offence the Court may, on the application of the Attorney General, disqualify the offender from carrying on business. In the case of a limited company the directors and officers are liable for contraventions of the Act unless they can prove that the contravention was committed without their consent or connivance; and on conviction on indictment there is no limit to the fine which may be imposed on a limited company. Editorial comment on p. 361.

TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations recorded for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represent the prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not include marine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable in the present emergency

28 Essex Street, W.C.2, June 18

THE general tone of the markets continues steady, with prices of manufactured and natural products tending firmer. The main difficulty at present is one of supply rather than of demand: turnover of many leading commodities is limited only by the prevailing low level of stocks. It is noteworthy, however, that the shortage of certain crude drugs is being considerably eased by the arrival of supplies from the East, notably ACONITE ROOT, COLCHICUM, DANDELION ROOT, HENBANE, LIQUORICE ROOT, SQUILL, STRAMONIUM LEAVES and VALERIAN. In PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMICALS some alterations of a minor character are recorded, but these do not affect the general tone of the market, which remains steady. Except for one or two good orders, business has been on the small side. BARBITONE and SODIUM BARBITONE are among the firm items. Difficult conditions still obtain for BENZALDEHYDE and BENZOIC ACID. Dealers' quotations for PHENACETIN are at higher levels. VANILLIN remains in restricted supply. It is understood that arrangements have been made for importing under licence supplies of CAFFEINE and PHENACETIN through one channel; prices are likely to show a substantial reduction on current spot quotations. Manufacturers requiring these materials will be given priority.

Crude Drugs

The demand from consumers has been on a rather better scale, with practically all prices showing a firmer tendency. Steady sales are being made of AGAR for ordinary use, and stocks are becoming depleted; importation is now restricted to material for bacteriological use. New-crop offers of CURAÇAO ALOES are awaited. Demand for ANTIMONY continues, despite the recent substantial increase in price. BALSAM OF TOLU remains firm, but present demand is small. New-crop prices of CASCARA SAGRADA are difficult to obtain. CELERY SEED is scarce on spot, but some arrivals are expected. Spot prices of CHILLIES have remained firm. Zanzibar CLOVES are quoted a shade dearer on spot. COLOCYNTH continues to show an upward tendency, and high prices are being paid for fine-quality pulp. EYONYMUS BARK is scarce, and spot prices are consequently dearer. There are no offers of GAMBOGE from the source. GUM ACACIA is dearer on spot. An improvement is evident in the demand for MINAS IPECACUANHA; shipment is firmer. Chinese MENTHOL is again in active demand, and prices are at still higher levels. Some varieties of NUTMEGS are dearer. Dealers are quoting PODOPHYLLUM at higher prices. Some arrivals of rough-round RHUBARB are noted. Increased prices are now ruling for SHELLAC.

Essential Oils

Business in oils has been on a moderate scale this week, with values for the most part fully steady. ANISE (STAR) continues firm, with supplies extremely difficult to locate. BAY is unchanged, with only occasional business passing. BOIS DE ROSE is steady, but business is limited. Spot quotations for CAJUPUT are a shade higher. Supplies of CASSIA are extremely short. CINNAMON LEAF is showing a firmer tendency. English-made CLOVE is firm. Higher spot prices are quoted for LEMONGRASS. Stocks of MANDARIN are low and prices would have to be negotiated. Spot prices of NUTMEG show an upward tendency. Dealers' quotations for Californian sweet ORANGE have again been increased, and spot prices have risen in sympathy. The demand for Chinese PEPPERMINT exceeds supply, and values are consequently higher. PETITGRAIN is dearer on spot.

Exchange Rates on London

The following is a list of the chief Continental and other exchange rates at the opening on Wednesday morning:—

Centre	Quoted	Par	June 11	June 18
Belgian Congo ..	Francs to £	nominal	176½*	176½*
Buenos Aires ..	Paper pesos to £	—	17-04½*	17-04½*
Java ..	Florins to £	12-107	7-60*	7-60*
Lisbon ..	Escudos to £	110	100-0*	100-0*
Madrid ..	Pesetas to £	25-24½	40-50 official 46-55 voluntary	40-50 official 46-55 voluntary
Montreal ..	Dollars to £	4-86½	4-45*	4-45*
New York ..	Dollars to £	nominal	4-03*	4-03*
Shanghai ..	Per dollar	—	3½ d.	3½ d.
Stockholm ..	Kroner to £	18-150	16-90*	16-90*
Yokohama ..	Per yen	25.	15. 1½ d.	15. 1½ d.
Zurich ..	Francs to £	22-2115	17-35*	17-35*

* Rate fixed by Bank of England. Bank rate, 2 per cent.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

ACETANILIDE.—Steady but quiet on spot, with supplies available from dealers at about 2s. 5d. per lb.

AMIDOPYRINE.—In small request, with prices firm. Crystals, about 30s. to 33s. per lb., according to quantity; powder, 3d. per lb. extra.

ASPIRIN.—Steady, with business fairly good. 10 cwt., 2s. 7d.; 5 cwt., 2s. 8d.; 1 cwt., 2s. 8½d.; 28 lb., 3s. 4d.; 14 lb., 3s. 5d.; 7 lb., 3s. 6½d.; 4 lb., 3s. 7½d.; 1 lb., 3s. 10½d. TABLETS.—Makers' prices for bulk quantities are unchanged: Under 5,000, 3s. 1½d.; 5,000, 2s. 11½d.; 10,000, 2s. 10½d.; 25,000, 2s. 8½d.; 50,000, 2s. 7½d.; 100,000, 2s. 6½d.; 250,000, 2s. 6d.; 500,000, 2s. 5½d.; 1,000,000, 2s. 4½d.; 2,000,000, 2s. 3½d. per 1,000.

ATROPINE.—Makers quote as follows: ALKALOID, 21s. per oz.; 4 oz., 20s. 6d., and 25 oz., 20s. per oz. SULPHATE, 16s. 6d. per oz.; 4 oz. 16s., and 25 oz., 15s. 6d. per oz. Bottles, under 5-gm. or 1-oz., corked, 3d.; stoppered, 5d.; 5-gm. to 25-gm. or 1-oz., corked, 3½d.; stoppered, 6d.;

25-gm. or 1-oz., corked, 3½d.; stoppered, 7½d.; 50-gm. or 2-oz., corked, 4d.; stoppered, 9d. each; 100-gm. and over, included in price; tubes, per 100, 5-gr., 10s. 6d.; 10-gr., 12s. 3d.; 15-gr., 14s.

BARBITONE.—Firm. Dealers quote at around 27s. to 30s. per lb., according to quantity. SODIUM BARBITONE, 3s. per lb. extra.

BENZALDEHYDE.—Conditions are still rather difficult owing to restricted supplies, and quotations remain in the neighbourhood of 4s. 6d. to 5s. per lb. for practically-free-from-chlorine.

BENZOIC ACID (B.P.).—Quotations nominal and supply position difficult.

BISMUTH SALTS.—Carbonate continues to be quoted as follows: 1 cwt., 8s. 4d.; 28 lb., 8s. 7d.; 8 lb., 10s.; 4 lb., 10s. 9d.; under 4 lb., 11s. 3d. per lb. Subnitrate, 1 cwt., 7s. 3d.; 28 lb., 7s. 6d.; 8 lb., 8s. 8d.; 4 lb., 9s. 5d.; under 4 lb., 9s. 11d. per lb.

BORAX.—B.P. powder is quoted by makers at £35 10s. per ton and crystals at £35 per ton, in one-ton bags, for minimum one-ton lots, carriage paid in Great Britain.

BORIC ACID.—Makers' prices for B.P. powder remain at £52 10s. per ton and crystals at £51 10s. per ton, in one-cwt. bags, carriage paid in Great Britain, for minimum one-ton lots.

BROMIDES.—In routine demand at unchanged rates. Makers quote as follows: Potassium, B.P., 5 cwt., 2s. 8½d.; 1 cwt., 2s. 9½d.; 28 lb., 3s. 4d.; 14 lb., 3s. 5½d.; 7 lb., 3s. 6½d.; 4 lb., 3s. 8½d.; 1 lb., 3s. 11d. Sodium, one penny per lb., and ammonium, threepence per lb. extra. War-emergency clause and usual re-sale terms apply.

CAFFEINE.—Small supplies of the pure alkaloid may be obtainable from dealers at about 80s. to 85s. per lb. The price of small lots of CITRATE remains at about 45s. per lb.

CITRATES.—Makers' prices are steady: POTASSIUM, B.P., 28 lb., 2s. 5d.; 14 lb., 2s. 6½d.; 7 lb., 2s. 7½d.; 4 lb., 2s. 9½d.; under 4 lb., 3s. per lb. SODIUM, B.P., one penny per lb. below, and IRON AND AMMONIUM (SCALES), B.P., threepence per lb. over above prices. Packages extra.

GLYCERIN.—Quotations for small supplies are as follows: 1-cwt. drum, 81s. per cwt.; 56-lb. tin, 89s.; 28-lb. tin, 92s.; 14-lb. tin, 95s. per cwt., all prices subject to 2½ per cent. discount for cash in twenty-eight days.

GUAIACOL.—Steady and in fair supply. Liquid, 13s. 6d. to 14s. per lb.; crystals, 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb. CARBONATE.—Steady as quoted at about 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb., according to quantity.

MAGNESIUM TRISILICATE.—Makers' prices steady: 10 cwt., 2s. 1d.; 5 cwt., 2s. 3d.; 1 cwt., 2s. 5d.; 28 lb., 2s. 9d.; 14 lb., 2s. 10½d.; 7 lb., 2s. 11½d.; 4 lb., 3s. 1½d.; 1 lb., 3s. 4d. per lb. Packages extra, returnable.

MERCURIALS.—For full scale of prices see C. & D., May 10, p. 294.

METHYL SALICYLATE.—Makers quote as follows: Five cwt., 1s. 8½d. per lb.; one cwt., 1s. 9d.; smaller quantities, in bottles, 1s. 11d. per lb. Consumers are asked to return containers promptly.

PHENACETIN.—Dealers' quotations are firm at about 9s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

PHENOBARBITONE.—Firm at about 35s. to 37s. 6d. per lb., as to quantity.

PHENOLPHTHALEIN.—Makers' prices are as follows: Less than 7 lb., 4s. 2d.; 7 lb., 4s. 1d.; 14 lb., 4s.; 28 lb., 3s. 11d.; one cwt., 3s. 10d. per lb.

POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE (B.P.).—Makers' prices are steady: 5 cwt., 1s. 4½d. per lb.; 3 cwt., 1s. 5d.; 1 cwt., 1s. 5½d., in one-cwt. drums. Drums extra and returnable.

SACCHARIN.—Duty-paid Convention price remains at 98s. 4d. per lb. for 550. Prices are not subject to official control.

THEOBROMINE.—Firm. The price of small lots of imported material would be about 70s. to 75s. per lb. THEOBROMINE SODIUM SALICYLATE, about 40s. to 45s. per lb. for British-made from imported theobromine.

VANILLIN.—British makers' prices are as follows: Ex clove oil or guaiacol, five cwt., 18s. per lb.; one-cwt., 18s. 1½d.; 56 lb., 18s. 3d.; less than 56 lb., 18s. 6d., carriage paid in U.K. Tins in cases returnable.

Crude Drugs

AGAR.—The small stocks of Kobe No. 1 now remaining for ordinary use are selling steadily at about 21s. to 22s. per lb. Some afloat parcels for bacteriological use are offered at 12s. 6d. per lb., duty paid.

ALOES.—Cape is in fair supply and is moving along quickly; spot, 55s. to 57s. 6d. per cwt., ex store. CURAÇAO is nominal on spot, owing to lack of supplies; new-crop offers are awaited.

ANTIMONY.—Demand continues on a reasonably good scale despite the recent sharp increase in prices. English regulus, £102 10s. per ton, delivered, for minimum 99 per cent.; foreign regulus, £93 per ton, duty paid; Chinese, nominal.

BALSAMS.—Tolu is firm on spot at about 8s. 6d. per lb. Canada, steady at about 7s. 9d. per lb. Copaiba, B.P., about 3s. 6d. per lb. Peru, 7s. 3d. to 7s. 6d. per lb.

BUCHU.—Quiet; quotations unchanged. Spot, steady at about 3s. 2d. to 3s. 4d. per lb. for good green rounds; shipment, new-crop, about 2s. 7½d. per lb. for f.a.q.

CAMPHOR.—Quotations show no change in the week. Japanese, tablets, none available; slabs, in small supply, about 5s. 4d. per lb.; flowers, about 5s. 4d. per lb. English refined, steady, as follows: Flowers, one cwt., 6s. 3d.; 28 lb., 6s. 4d.; less than 28 lb., 6s. 5d. per lb. Transparent tablets, 1-oz.: One cwt., 6s. 9d.; 28 lb., 6s. 10d.; less than 28 lb., 6s. 11d. per lb.

CANTHARIDES.—Spot supplies of Chinese are small and would be worth about 7s. 3d. to 7s. 6d. per lb.

CARDAMOMS.—Quiet, with no quotable change. Bombay seed, spot about 4s. 9d. per lb.; shipment, about 4s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f. Aleppy greens, spot, about 3s. 6d. per lb.; shipment, about 3s. 10d. per lb., c.i.f.

CASCARA SAGRADA.—Spot quotations for 1940 bark remain at approximately 140s. per cwt.; new-crop prices appear to be difficult to obtain.

CELERY SEED.—Scarce on the spot; some afloat seed is quoted at about 1s. 7d. per lb., c.i.f.

CHILLIES.—Values have remained on a firm basis. Spot, Mombasa, 155s. per cwt.; Sierra Leone, 160s.; and Sudan, 155s., duty paid.

CINCHONA BARK.—Small sales of *Calisaya* are occasionally made at about 1s. 11d. per lb., ex store. Available supplies are limited.

CLOVES.—Firm, with Zanzibar quoted on spot, slightly higher at 1s. 10d. per lb.; shipment, grade 2, nominal. Madagascar, spot, 1s. 9½d. per lb., nominal, in bond.

COLOCYNTH.—A fair inquiry is being received. About 3s. 3d. to 3s. 6d. per lb. is being asked for fine white pulp on spot, with some business reported done at the former figure.

DERRIS ROOT.—Spot stocks are now limited, and dealers would require about 1s. 2d. per lb. for root testing about 4 per cent. rotenone. Some 18 per cent. ether extract, not tested, is quoted at 1s. per lb. on spot.

ERGOT.—Firm. Spot, about 10s. 6d. per lb.; shipment, new-crop, around 9s. to 9s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f.

GAMBOGE.—Spot sales are confined to odd cases at about £30 per cwt.; there are no offers from Siam.

GUM ACACIA.—Firm; quotations higher. Kordofan cleaned sorts, about 115s. per lb., ex store; shipment, no offers. Bleached, spot, from 300s. per cwt.

HENBANE.—Scarce on spot; supplies are expected from the East, for which the price will be about 3s. per lb.

HYDRASTIS.—Spot prices steady, with dealers quoting tested at about 19s. per lb., and untested at about 17s. 6d. per lb.

IPECACUANHA.—A better inquiry is noted this week, especially for the Minas variety. Matto Grosso, spot, nominal at about 18s. 6d. per lb., ex store; some business is reported done at 13s. per lb., c.i.f. Minas, spot, about 10s. 9d. and 12s. per lb., according to test and seller; bids for Minas have been countered at a firm limit of 9s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f. Ext. IPECAC. 110, steady at 26s. per lb., for minimum lots of twelve winchesters.

LIQUORICE ROOT.—There appears to be nothing available in London, but some Eastern material is expected.

MENTHOL.—Spot supplies of Chinese are limited, but the demand remains good. Some business is reported done on spot at 33s. 6d. per lb., with some holders now asking 34s. The last forward price noted was at 27s. per lb., c.i.f. Japanese, nominal on spot at about 35s. per lb.

MERCURY.—Controlled prices range between £47 15s. and £48 15s. per bottle of 76 lb., ex warehouse.

NUTMEGS.—Firm, with some varieties dearer. Spot, Eastern browns, 55s., 2s. 4d. per lb.; 80s., 2s. 2d.; West Indian, sound unassorted, 1s. 10d.; 90s., 2s. 2d.; 90s., 2s.; wormy and broken, 1s. 9d.

OLIBANUM.—Good siftings are quoted on spot at about 97s. 6d. per cwt., with other grades at about 85s. per cwt.

PEPPERS.—Steady. Lampong, spot, in bond, 7½d. per lb., sellers; Tellicherry, spot, 8d.; Aleppy, spot, 7½d., sellers. White Muntok, steady, spot, in bond, 12½d. per lb., sellers; shipment, unquoted.

PIMENTO.—A shade dearer on spot at 2s. 1d. per lb., sellers; shipment, new-crop, June–July, 165s. per cwt., nominal, c.i.f.

PODOPHYLLUM.—Dealers quotations for *Emodi* are rather dearer at about 95s. per cwt., ex store. Shipment, about 57s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f.

QUASSIA CHIPS.—Business is on a limited scale. Dealers quote small spot supplies at about 35s. per cwt., ex store.

QUILLAIA BARK.—Quotations for spot supplies are in the region of 105s. to 110s. per cwt., ex store.

RHUBARB.—The recent arrival of several parcels of rough-round will tend to ease the present situation. Spot, rough-round, about 5s. 9d. to 5s. 3d. per lb. Some of the recent arrivals are reported to be wormy.

RUBBER.—Steady but quiet. Standard ribbed smoked sheet, spot, 13½d., buyers; 13½d., sellers; July to December, 13½d., buyers; 13½d., sellers.

SEEDS.—ANISE.—Turkish, spot, duty paid, 135s., ex store Liverpool.

CANARY.—No spot stocks available. **CARAWAY.**—Dutch, spot, duty paid, nominal, 280s. **CORIANDE.**—Morocco, spot, duty paid, 150s. quoted, ex store London or Liverpool. **CUMIN.**—Malta, spot, 145s., duty free; Morocco, 147s. 6d., duty paid. **DILL.**—Indian, spot, 85s., duty free, ex store Liverpool. **FENNEL.**—Iran, spot, 80s., duty paid; Indian, nominal at 80s., duty free. **FENUGREEK.**—Morocco, spot, duty paid, 47s. 6d., ex wharf London. **MUSTARD.**—English, 100s. to 107s. 6d., as to quality.

SENEGA.—Rather better inquiry is noted, with business done on spot at 7s. 3d. per lb.; there may be sellers at 4s. per lb., c.i.f., for July–August shipment; afloat, 4s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f.

SENNA.—Steady; quotations unaltered. Tinnevely, spot supplies of small No. 1 leaves, 10d. per lb.; No. 2 leaves, 6½d.; No. 3 leaves, 5d. per lb. Hand-picked Tinnevely pods, if available, 1s. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; manufacturing pods, 8d. to 9d. per lb. Alexandrian hand-picked pods, a few small lots available at 5s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per lb.

SHELLAC.—Firm. Standard TN orange again dearer for shipment at 104s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f., nominal; spot dearer at 110s. Fine orange, spot, dearer at 130s. to 185s. per cwt. Pure button, spot, 135s. per cwt., nominal.

SLIPPERY ELM BARK.—Grinding-quality on the spot is obtainable at about 1s. 2d. per lb.; wired bundles, about 2s. per lb.

SQUILL.—The spot value of small supplies of Indian would be in the region of 115s. per cwt.

TRAGACANTH.—Quotations for medium grades are as follows: No. 1, white, £120; No. 2, white, £105; No. 3, white, £95; pale leaf, £80; amber leaf, £55; red leaf, from £17; woody and hoggy, from £10 10s., ex store.

TURMERIC.—Madras finger, spot, quoted at 65s., ex store Liverpool, and 70s., ex wharf London.

VALERIAN ROOT.—Indian, spot, approximately 150s. per cwt., ex store.

WAXES.—Values are about steady. **BEES.**—Spot, 230s.; in bond, 120s.; shipment, Dar-es-Salaam, no quotations. Japanese, first three brands, spot, duty paid, 165s.; in bond, 150s.; shipment, nominal. **CARNAUBA.**—Spot, fatty grey, 445s.; chalky grey, 435s.; Primeira, 500s.

Essential and Expressed Oils

ANISE (STAR).—Continues firm and in difficult supply. Some business is reported done on spot at 12s. per lb. for tins; drums, about 10s. 6d. per lb.

BAY.—Occasional small spot-business; values steady. Spot, about 7s. to 7s. 6d. per lb., ex store.

BOIS DE ROSE.—Fully steady on spot at about 16s. per lb. Quiet.

CAJUPUT.—Spot quotations are slightly higher at about 7s. per lb.

CAMPHOR.—Chinese white is quoted on a quiet market at about 325s. per cwt., duty paid.

CANANGA.—Supplies small, but spot price steady at about 26s. per lb.

CASSIA.—Stocks are extremely short, and the spot quotation nominal at around 14s. per lb.

CEDARWOOD.—Business has remained quiet. American, spot, between 2s. 4½d. and 3s. per lb., according to quantity.

CINNAMON LEAF.—The firmer tendency noted recently continues, and spot values are now in the region of 5s. to 5s. 6d. per lb.

CLOVE.—English-made B.P. oil is firm at about 11s. 6d. to 12s. per lb. Imported oil, if available, would be worth about 7s. to 9s. per lb.

EUCALYPTUS.—Steady and unchanged. Spot, about 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb. for 70 to 75 per cent., according to holder, and about 4s. 6d. to 4s. 9d. for 80 to 85 per cent.

GERANIUM.—Business on spot has been small, but values are steady. Bourbon and Algerian, spot, about 65s. per lb.

GRAPEFRUIT.—Spot continues in limited supply. Genuine Californian is quoted at around 16s. per lb.

GROUNDTUT.—No change in controlled price for large bulk quantities of refined deodorised, which remains at £40 per ton, naked ex works.

JUNIPER BERRY.—Spot supplies may be found at about 30s. per lb.

LAVERNER.—The spot price is steady, but business is slow. Spot, from 65s. per lb. for good quality oil.

LEMONGRASS.—Position firmer, with spot oil now quoted at approximately 7s. to 8s. per lb.

LIME.—Scarce on spot. Genuine West Indian, quoted at about 32s. per lb., with other grades at lower prices.

LINSEED.—Controlled price for large bulk quantities of crude, naked ex works, is unchanged at £41 10s. per ton. Distributors' prices for ordinary quantities would be higher.

MANDARIN.—Stocks are extremely low; prices are a matter for negotiation.

MUSTARD.—Fair supplies of British-made synthetic oil are available at approximately 20s. per lb., according to quantity.

NUTMEG.—Spot would now be fully 22s. per lb. Business is slow.

OLIVE.—The Ministry of Food controlled price to importers for large bulk quantities in 50-gall. drums is unchanged. Distributors' prices for a few gallons, in gallon tins, carriage paid, range from 12s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per gall., as to quantity.

ORANGE.—Quotations for Californian sweet show a further advance to one dollar 40 cents per lb., cost and freight, making the spot price about 8s. 3d. to 8s. 9d. per lb., in small drums, ex store. Rhodesian and other grades, spot, 22s. 6d.

PALMAROSA.—Firm. Spot prices are nominal at around 20s. per lb.; shipment, new-crop, about 15s. per lb., c.i.f.

PATCHOULI.—Slow of sale on spot. Genuine Singapore, spot, about 45s. to 50s. per lb.; Seychelles, about 40s. to 45s. per lb.

PEPPERMINT.—Demand for Chinese exceeds supply, and prices continue to rise. Some business is reported done on spot at 24s. per lb., and further lots are difficult to find. Japanese, spot, about 25s. per lb., with stocks small. American, spot, firm at about 26s. per lb., ex store; shipment, drums, about 18s., and tins in cases, about 18s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f.

PETITGRAIN.—Dearer. Spot, nominal at about 17s. 6d. per lb., ex store.

SANDALWOOD.—Genuine East Indian Mysore, in one-case lots, is quoted at 25s. per lb.

SASSAFRAS.—Dealers' spot prices are steady at about 12s. per lb.

SPEARMINT.—American is quoted by dealers at about 19s. per lb.

THYME.—Quiet and steady. Spot, about 14s. per lb. for good-quality oil, with other grades at lower prices.

WINTERGREEN (GENUINE).—Spot, approximately 12s. to 14s. per lb.

WORMSEED.—Quiet and steady, with only small supplies available. Spot, about 22s. per lb.

SUBSTITUTES FOR STOCKINGS

WHILE the use of leg make-up is by no means new, it cannot be denied that an unprecedented demand for cosmetic stocking substitutes has arisen since the rationing of clothing scheme was introduced. Chemists are finding that in addition to the seasonal demand for artificial sun-tan creams and lotions a new market for coloured preparations to replace silk stockings has suddenly sprung up that must be met if valuable business is not to be lost. Fullest use can be made of this opportunity to promote cosmetic sales both by displaying the various proprietary brands of stocking substitutes in the pharmacy and by offering own-name products which are easy and inexpensive to prepare. This type of cosmetic can be sold in several forms such as liquid and cream powders, the coloured powders, spirituous lotions containing dyes, grease paints, etc.

Formulation.—The following details will be a guide in formulating the above types of products.

LIQUID POWDERS.—Colouring materials should be the insoluble earth pigments, such as Armenian bole, burnt sienna, yellow ochre, etc., used alone or with the addition of a water-soluble dye. Cosmetic grades of brilliant lakes can also be used in place of the earth pigments. All these colourings are best incorporated in the powders in the form of diluted colour bases to ensure more even distribution throughout the preparation. Such colour bases can be made by thoroughly grinding the insoluble pigment or water-soluble dye previously dissolved in the minimum amount of warm water with some suitable material, such as a mixture of kaolin, talc and titanium dioxide. The required amount of colour base is then rubbed or ground thoroughly with the powders, which form the bulk of the preparation, and the glycerin and water slowly added. The perfume should be dissolved in any alcohol present or incorporated into the dry powders.

POWDER CREAMS.—The same colourings can be used as in the case of liquid powders; they are incorporated into the dry powders before mixing with the cream base. In the case of creams containing a base of the water-in-oil type, an oil-soluble colour can be dissolved in the oils instead of the water-soluble colours used in oil-in-water (vanishing) creams.

POWDERS.—Here again the same principle of colouring can be used as in the foregoing preparations. The composition of the powder base may be similar to that adopted for face powders, a sufficient amount of zinc stearate being added to ensure its adhesive power. Powders can be supplied for use in the dry state or the purchaser can be advised to mix the powder with a little water and to apply it as a liquid powder.

STAINING LOTIONS.—These are simply solutions of water-soluble cosmetic dyes, which contain a little spirit and glycerin. Colours which will be of most use to the compounder in this connexion will be brown, orange and yellow dyes, which are marketed under various names, according to the maker. In formulating and matching these lotions, it is wise to make up a standard dilution of the base, so that a greater degree of accuracy can be achieved. Other forms of stocking substitutes will, no doubt, appear on the market in due course, and those who wish to experiment with different methods of applying the skin colours might find that mucilaginous lotions, liquid creams, etc., have certain advantages as vehicles in this connexion. The following are typical formulas for the preparations considered above—

<i>Liquid Powder</i> —	Zinc oxide	6.0
	Precipitated chalk	8.0
	Kaolin	3.0
	Zinc stearate	2.0
	Glycerin	3.0
	Witch hazel extract	10.0
	Orange-flower water	68.0
	Colour and perfume as required.	
<i>Powder Cream</i> —	Vanishing cream	70.0
	Talc	24.0
	Titanium dioxide	6.0
	Colour and perfume as required.	
<i>Powder</i> —	Titanium dioxide	3.00
	Zinc oxide	20.00
	Talc	65.06
	Zinc stearate	4.00
	Precipitated chalk	6.00
	Colour and perfume as required.	
<i>Lotion</i> —	Bismarck brown (1 per cent. solution)	79.0
	Methyl violet (½ per cent. solution)	3.0
	Methylene blue (½ per cent. solution)	2.0
	Glycerin	5.0
	Spirit	10.5
	Perfume	0.5

Some of these products have been dealt with in *THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST* in the series "War-Time Cosmetic Formulas"—No. 4,

liquid and cream powders, March 15; No. 6, face powders, June 7; No. 7, suntan lotions, June 14, and the appropriate formulas given in these articles can be modified slightly to suit individual requirements by selecting a suitable colour to give the finished product the required colouring power.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondents may adopt an assumed name, but must in all cases furnish their real name and address to the Editor

Appreciation.—Just a note to express my profound appreciation for the helpfulness accorded to me on the telephone last Friday. Life today is mostly bed and work, but the *C. & D.* must be read, no matter how tired one may be, for it is truly the guide and counsellor to give reliable trade advice. Again, my sincere thanks.—*J. W. R.* (16/6).

Appeal for Aconite.—May we, through the courtesy of your columns, appeal to some generous fellow member living in a rural district to supply us with a quantity of *Aconitum nappellus*—fresh plant. We have an export order on hand which is being held up owing to our inability to obtain aconite from any of the wholesale houses we have, up to the present, approached.—*E. Gould & Son, 67 Moorgate, London, E.C.2.*

Professional Standards.—When "Improver" (*C. & D.*, June 7, p. 344) writes that what is lacking in pharmacy is not price rings or educational bars, but a higher professional moral standard, one wonders what he means to imply by the phrase. If he means will to provide an adequate public service, and rectitude in the dispensing of prescriptions, then I should say the pharmacist's moral standard is already as high as can be wished, and certainly equal to that of any other profession. The way in which the Insurance scheme has worked out from the commencement shows that the pharmacist takes a serious view of his responsibilities, even in the face of discounting and inadequate fees. The medicine-testing scheme proves that the margin of error is so small as to be practically non-existent, and it is an unalterable principle of pharmacy that no trouble must be spared to ensure that the patient receives his medicine in exact accordance with the intentions of the prescriber, however small the profit that results when some special item has to be obtained or some awkward combination of drugs takes an undue length of time and trouble to turn into a presentable product. Unfortunately, pharmacy has never been credited with professional status either by the public or by the authorities, at least so far as its retail practice is concerned, and the remuneration is on a paltry scale compared with that afforded by other professions. But if the reference to a standard is meant to apply to his relations with his brother pharmacists, then I am ready to admit there is room for improvement. Such matters as the marking of private prescriptions with a recognised pricing code, accompanied by a loyal adherence to the marked price, a regular and fixed fee for compounding household recipes, more co-operation in the fixing of hours and arranging rotas for extra duties, some effective system of listing broken proprietaries and rarely-used drugs so that they may be accessible to other pharmacists in the district when required, might be organised, and such a process would tend to improve the moral standard, and incidentally the status and financial standing of the profession. The chief obstacle, as I see it, is that pharmacy consists of two separate callings, one professional and the other commercial, and these, like oil and water, are not miscible direct. A homogeneous mixture is only obtained by the introduction of some emulsifying agent, which might, in this instance, be provided by general acceptance of a stated standard of morality. Such moral considerations are at the outset ethical only, whilst rent, rates and taxes are concrete values which have to be met with cash and not with theories about the true standards of pharmacy.—*Bishop's Move.* (14/6)

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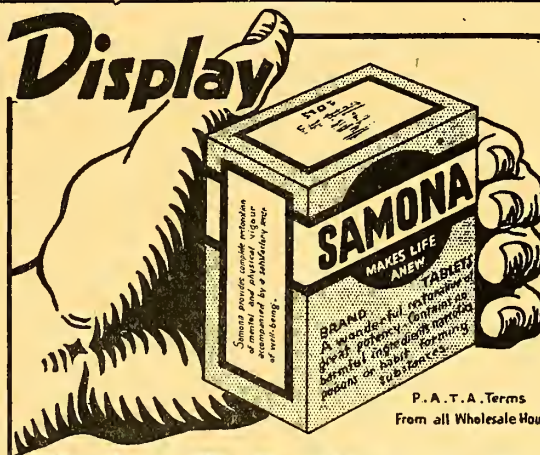
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LATE NEWS

Convalescent.—Mr. James McDowell, Ph.C. (a member of Council, Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland), is now convalescent after his recent illness.

Death.—ANDERSON.—On June 11, Mr. John H. Anderson, of the representative staff of Potter & Clarke, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, London, E.1. aged sixty-two. Mr. Anderson had been with the company since 1912.

Tees-side Memorandum to Council.—The following memorandum has been sent to the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society by the committee of the Tees-side Branch:—"The committee of this branch calls the attention of the Council to the following points in connexion with the Government's proposal to amend the Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933: 1. The proposal will materially increase the number of unqualified dealers in drugs and medicines. This, taken in conjunction with the proposed call-up of pharmacists for military service, will mean that the distribution of drugs will be principally in the hands of persons with no knowledge of their properties and dangers. 2. It is hardly in conformity with democratic principles that an Act of Parliament should be amended at the behest of a sectional interest before it has been put into effect. Neither is it in conformity with democratic principles that a sectional interest should seek and the authorities agree to amend the Act at a time when the public mind is preoccupied with other and more urgent things, and is likely to find little time to discuss a matter which may be regarded as unimportant by the uninformed, and the committee in consequence calls upon the Council to oppose to the limits of its power and influence the proposed Bill to amend the Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Pharmacy Act."

Trade Report

ACONITE ROOT.—Some Indian is available on spot at about 175s. per cwt.
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THE TIME HAS COME . . .

THE Home Secretary has announced that it is his intention to amend Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, in order to allow medicines to be sold in unregistered departments of co-operative societies which already own registered pharmacies. Moreover, medicine stamp duty is to be repealed. Thus unqualified traders will be enabled to sell many proprietary medicines hitherto saleable only at registered pharmacies (for certain proprietaries are issued at present in unstamped packs only, with formulas declared). Finally, the National Pharmaceutical Union's National Health Insurance Committee apparently finds it necessary to carry out an examination of a number of chemists' books in order to make out a case to the Ministry of Health for a long-overdue increase in N.H.I. dispensing fees.

A Serious Encroachment.—Amendment of the Pharmacy Act and repeal of medicine stamp duty will—we must face the fact—cause a serious encroachment by the part of co-operative societies and multiple companies, two forms of "big business," into what is today considered, by the large majority of the public, to be the legitimate business, and within the province, of registered pharmacists. Despite recent statements by certain prominent pharmacists, to the effect that it is useless to make what they term "unreasonable" claims, organised retail pharmacy can still put up a strong case for the reservation to registered pharmacies of, at the least, all compounded medicinal preparations. On what grounds? In the first place, pharmacists are, with the medical profession, the only competent judges of the effectiveness or otherwise of any given preparation. This cannot be denied. The position is fully realised by pharmacists, whose duty often is to advise a particular person against a particular preparation. Secondly, it is undoubtedly the view of both Government and public that there should be no decrease in the present available facilities for National Health Insurance and private dispensing. If this dispensing service is to be maintained, however, registered pharmacies must be given adequate protection to enable them to provide it. In other words, since dispensing alone, when a whole year is considered, is not

sufficient to maintain a properly equipped and staffed establishment the deficiency must be made good by having the highest possible proportion of the various other medicinal needs of the public supplied by registered pharmacies. This is an argument which should be brought to the notice of all Members of Parliament, to whom it should be pointed out how the interests of the public will be affected if the promised legislation is carried through without definite protection for the necessary dispensing establishments. Price increases and purchase tax, increased overheads and cost of living, and the extra capital needed in present circumstances, should provide conclusive evidence that an all-round increase in dispensing fees should be made immediately. Pharmacists must refrain from thinking of what "other business" N.H.I. brings with it—such a sop may have sufficed to keep our predecessors quiet, but, on examination, the "other business" is found to be negligible. Further, a scheme like the N.H.I. ought not to be run in terms of what it might bring with it. In point of fact, Insurance Act dispensing is far from paying for itself.

The Need for Action.—The reason for dealing with the three subjects of the Pharmacy Act amendment, medicine stamp duty repeal, and N.H.I. dispensing pay simultaneously is clear. We must not lose sight of the danger to our future because the war and, in some instances, the present phenomenal volume of business, tend to occupy our whole thought. If we neglect the position, then we shall, at some future date, be left "high and dry," bemoaning the fact that we did not act unitedly before it was too late. The co-operative societies, multiple companies, etc., are carefully watching and planning all the time. The private pharmacist's total resources, if properly utilised now, can secure for them their rightful place. The first essential is co-operation among retail pharmacists, in place of the present apathy, undue competition and petty jealousy. Let every possible local branch of both the Pharmaceutical Society and the National Pharmaceutical Union arrange meetings to discuss these vital subjects, and send firm resolutions to headquarters and to the Home Secretary and Minister of Health.—E.C.H. (19/5).

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